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Director's Report

As the "dust" settles from the numerous major events during the first three months of the year, we see that our activity appears to be recovering from the industry downturn following September 11th. Unlike many airports across the country, Scottsdale Airport is host to the majority of corporate activity in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area, which enabled us to fare well during this time of industry change.

During the past several months, aviation staff has been diligently working to complete the aviation financial plan. This plan indicates several rates and fees changes to assist the Airport in providing for all necessary operating and capital expenses. As a follow-up to the 1999 regulatory rewrite process, aviation staff agreed to complete a financial plan prior to making additional fee changes or creating new fees. One of the primary components in the plan is the initiation of a transient landing fee of

\$1.00/1,000 pounds for aircraft over 12,500 pounds. The financial plan will be acted on by City Council during the budget approval process on May 20th.

Certainly one of the major topics in the general aviation industry is security. Several months ago we created the Scottsdale Airport Security Task Force. Representatives of the major leaseholds, police department, fire department, pilots association, and staff have met several times to discuss possible security enhancements and potential federal security regulations. While nothing is clear as to the new federal requirements, we will be implementing enhancements to ensure our users security expectations are met.

As always, if we can be of assistance or if you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the Airport Administration at (480) 312-2321.

Scott T. Gray
Aviation Director

Airport Security Update

It has been more than eight months since the terrorist attacks on America took place. Our main focus at SDL is to prevent unauthorized persons from gaining access to the airfield and the aircraft that are parked or based here. Airport Administration is replacing security gates and making improvements to our CCTV and Access Control systems. Here is a list of how our tenants and users can help:

- Upon entering the air operations area, stop and wait for the

vehicle gate to close behind you before proceeding to your destination.

- Use a prop lock or throttle lock to prevent theft of your aircraft.
- Display your red and white airport vehicle ID tags while on the airfield.
- Report all suspicious activity to Airport Operations personnel. They can be reached at 480-312-8478, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

FAA Northwest 2000 Update & Noise Abatement

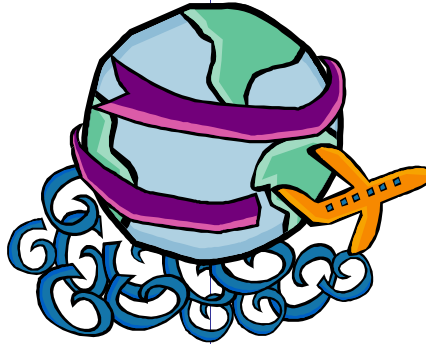
On February 21st the FAA implemented portions of the Northwest 2000 plan, consisting of new airspace sectors and flight paths. Air Traffic Controllers are still using "classic" procedures and the new automated procedures (RNAV) will be implemented slowly over the next several months. The RNAV procedures may reduce the amount of "classic" procedures (radar vectoring) and may result in less dispersal of aircraft flight paths.

The corporate jet routes to/from satellite airports have been negatively impacted by the NW2000 plan as the routing assigned by the FAA's Albuquerque Center has added significant flight miles. If you have operator concerns regarding the new FAA procedures or wish to provide feedback from an operator's viewpoint, please email you comments to kshirer@ci.scottsdale.az.us.

Also, some areas in the north valley are generating citizen complaints based on the change to the satellite arrival procedures and overflights/noise from the new northbound Silow departure route. The City of Scottsdale did not recommend to the FAA or endorse changing flight paths for aircraft using Scottsdale Airport, and the NW2000 Environmental Assess-

ment (EA) process only disclosed changes to commercial airliner flight paths as disclosure of flight path changes for 'corporate jet' aircraft are not required.

Scottsdale is requesting FAA's assistance to identify negative issues associated with the NW2000 plan implementation and potential modifications to the new procedures, airspace structures and flight paths, and analyze ramifications/limitations of implementing potential modifications. However, the FAA has sole jurisdiction over aircraft flight paths and the rules governing aircraft in flight.



The increased general aviation traffic and concerns from residents have emphasized the need for voluntary compliance with noise abatement procedures. In an effort to address these concerns the City of Scottsdale is updating our Scottsdale Airport pilot guide and developing a North-east Valley Regional Pilot Guide that will be available later this summer. Please remember to be altitude sensitive (we recommend using 3000 ft AGL in the northeast valley) and only practice over unpopulated areas.

Scottsdale Air Center—Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Friday, April 5th the groundbreaking ceremony took place for the new Fixed Base Operator, Scottsdale Air Center, which will be opening later this year. For those not familiar with the world of aviation, a Fixed Base Operator, is basically a facility that provides service, fuel, and ground amenities to incoming and outgoing aircraft. Scottsdale Air Center will be providing their services from a newly designed facility that will be located on the east side of the airfield, north of the control tower. Mayor Manross was on hand to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony, and commented that the Airpark area is the second largest source of employment opportunities in the valley, and the new facility will be an asset to the Airport and the community as well. Scottsdale Air Center is scheduled to open in November 2002.



Quote of the Month

So, then, to every man his chance – to every man, regardless of his birth, his shining golden opportunity – to every man his right to live, to work, to be himself, to become whatever he and his vision can combine to make him – this is the promise of America.
Thomas Wolfe

Operational Levels

The following is a breakdown by user of the current total of the 51,091 operations in the year 2002 :

⇒ 33,375 Itinerant

⇒ 17,716 Local

Of the total 51,091 operations in the year 2002, 11,273 were categorized as IFR operations.

Year to date totals are down approximately 4% in comparison to last years numbers.

The following identifies the historic calendar year operational levels.



1995 – 178,109

1996 – 183,108

1997 – 185,100

1998 – 208,464

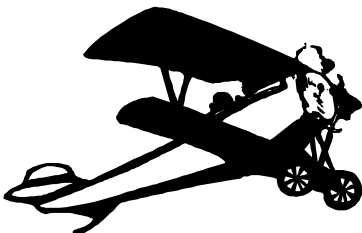
1999 – 230,591

2000 – 206,533

2001 – 184,727

Pima Air & Space Museum

In preparation for the future aircraft museum at Scottsdale Airport, the Airport staff visited the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson last month. Staff were able to view firsthand a sampling of the type of aircraft that will be on display when the facility opens in Scottsdale. Included in the day's activities was a guided tour of the Aircraft Military Reclamation Center (AMARC). Aircraft housed there consist of former military fighter aircraft from all branches of the armed services. It was awe inspiring to view these aircraft and to reflect on their historical significance. Many of these aircraft had been used in the VietNam and Gulf Wars. A large portion of the airfield contains stored aircraft that can



be readied for return to active service within 24-hours. These aircraft are encased in special sealing materials to protect the delicate electronic systems from extremes in weather conditions. Others are stored for parts to refurbish aircraft in active duty when necessary. All-in-all it was not only a great field trip and learning experience, but a great preview of what we can all look forward to seeing when the museum opens in Scottsdale. In the meantime, there is a display of historic aviation-related memorabilia in our terminal lobby. If you have a chance, please stop by and visit. The lobby is open to the public from 6:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. daily.

Tenant Concerns

Airport Administration was recently approached by a long-time tenant that wanted to express his dissatisfaction with some of the policies and procedures that have been recently implemented at the Airport. More specifically, he wanted us to know that it was his (and some other tenants) impression that our policies regarding mobile aircraft mechanics had made it very difficult for the general aviation pilot to have their aircraft maintained at SDL. The main reason for the departure of some mobile mechanics recently was due to insurance requirements. Approximately one year ago, the City's Risk Management Director required that these operators provide products completed liability insurance. A few of the mobile mechanics obtained the insurance and a few chose not to. This type of insurance is absolutely necessary to protect the aircraft owners and the City of Scottsdale from liability in the event of a mechanical failure caused by a hired mechanic.

Our tenant also stated that several airport users felt that the

recent hangar inspections are unfair and unnecessary. The hangars are inspected each year to ensure that they are considered safe by the fire department and City building inspectors. The inspection team focuses primarily on issues that are of a health, safety and welfare nature. We have been finding many items that are considered by the fire department and building inspectors to be hazardous sources of ignition. These findings include: faulty or improper wiring, ignition sources (electrical motors and charger) being located in the combustion zone and live ammunition. Please remember that if your neighbor's hangar and aircraft start on fire, it is almost certain that your hangar and aircraft will go along with it.

Finally, Airport Administration would like to invite any tenants that may have questions or concerns about any of our policies or procedures to please come discuss them with us. Airport Administration is adamant about keeping a good relationship with our general aviation pilots. Our office is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Airport Advisory Commission Update

January 2002

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on January 9th. Action items included approval of changes to the Airport Rules & Regulations, and election of the new chairman, William Mack, and Vice Chairman, Guy Stepan-ski. Informational items included the December Noise Re-port and discussion of the new Airport Security Task Force.

February 2002

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on Feb-ruary 13th. Permit ratifications included Aero Care to con-duct aircraft washing services. Informational items included a presentation of the airport financial plan, discussion of an existing Airpark Rule & Regulation determining airpark han-gar capacity, helicopter chart routes, runway 21 jet arrival patterns, and an update on the Airport Security Task Force.

March 2002

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on March 13th. Permit ratifications included Canyon Country Aviation, Inc., to conduct aircraft sales services, and Paulsen Hangar, L.L.C., to conduct hangar/shade leasing services. Informational items included an update on the airport finan-cial plan, discussion of airport enforcement guidelines, and helicopter flight patterns. During public comment, there was

a presentation by International Productions, Inc., to conduct an aircraft auction & expo in conjunction with the new Air-craft Museum.

Up-Coming Events Calendar

- May 1: Airport Advisory Commission meeting 6PM in the Airport Terminal Building
- May 27: Memorial Day: Airport Administration Offices Closed
- June 12: Airport Advisory Commission Meeting 6PM in the Airport Terminal Building
- July 4: Independence Day: Airport Administration Of-fices Closed
- July 10: Airport Advisory Commission meeting 6PM in the Airport Terminal Building



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